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Dear Mr. Oliff:

This is in response to your communication received 06 December 2006 requesting status of the U.S. national stage application 10/581,892 filed June 6, 2006. As of date, the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) presently has a backlog in processing Notification of Missing Requirements and Filing Receipts for all filed U.S. national stage applications.

A request was forwarded to a manager in DO/EO/US to expedite the processing of the above referenced application.

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